THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism has assessed that there is a shortage of 30,000 hotel rooms in the city of Delhi and NCR of Delhi for Commonwealth Games 2010.

(d) Ministry of Tourism is in constant touch with the various Land Owning Agencies like DDA, Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Railways etc. to identify additional hotel sites. These agencies and the State Governments of the NCR have also been advised to follow investor friendly land policies and single window approach for promoting hotel projects and also for allotting sites on revenue sharing basis, granting extra FSI/FAR for hotels, so that budget hotels are promoted. All these efforts are in the direction of filling the gap.

Development of tourist places in Delhi

†597. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received some proposals so far for development of tourist places of the country particularly the capital city of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance for tourism projects submitted by State Government/Union Territory Administration that are as per scheme guidelines. During the current financial year, 240 projects have been sanctioned for development and promotion of tourism in the country including 5 projects in Delhi. Details of projects sanctioned for Delhi in 2007-08 and given in the statement.

Statement

Details of projects sanctioned, amount sanctioned and released for Delhi upto December, 2007 in the current Financial Year

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Development of Kanganheri Water Sports Tourism Project	297.87	238.30
2.	Development of Chhawla Water Sports Tourism Project	416.21	332.97
3.	Celebration of Garden Tourism Festival	5.00	4.00
4.	Celebration of Garden Tourism Festival	5.00	4.00
5.	Celebration of Qutub Festival	5.00	4.00

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.